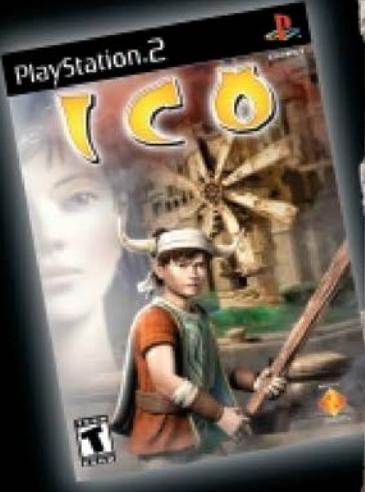


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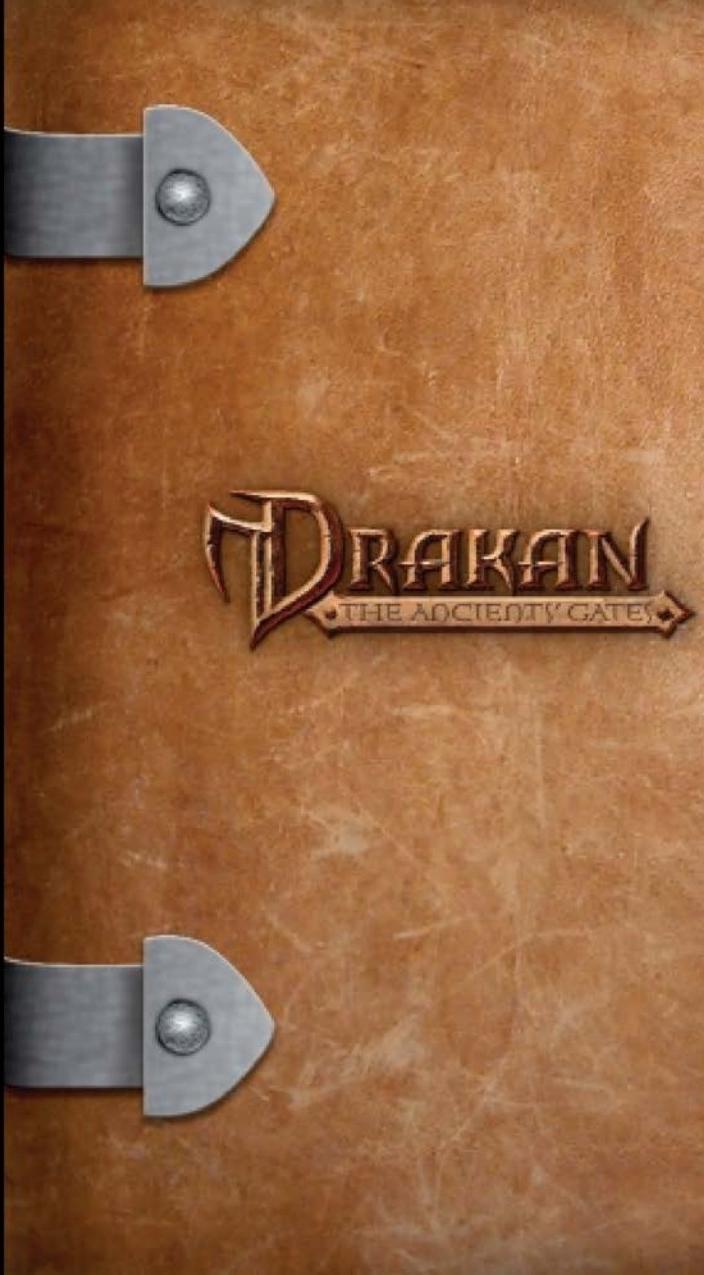


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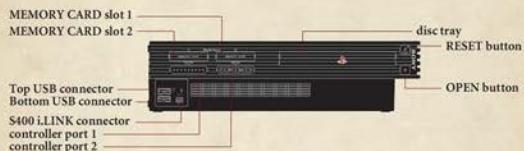
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SETTING UP

Setup your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in the manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located in the back of the console) is turned ON. Press the STANDBY/RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open. Place the Drakan: The Ancients' Gates™ disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to the manual for information on using the software.



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For information, see "Saving and Loading Game Data" on page 34.

CONTROLLER DIAGRAM



CONTROLS

Menus

- Start/Pause game START button
- Select menu option Directional button + ✕ button
- Open/Close Items menu SELECT button
- Cycle Items menu screens L1/R1 button

Rynn

- Dismount Arokha ✕ button (when Arokha is on ground)
- Jump on Arokha left analog stick (walk Rynn into Arokha)
- Draw weapon R1 button
- Attack with weapon □ button
- Parry attack (block) ○ button
- Thrust Directional button + □ button
- Attack with magic □ button
- Cast spell ○ button (hold) + Directional button
- Cycle hot slot weapon R1 button
- Call Arokha/Talk to people L1 button (hold to call Arokha)
- Throw switches L1 button
- Pick up multiple items L1 button
- Kneel ✕ button
- Roll forward or backward L1 button
- Jump ✕ button + left analog stick UP or DOWN
- Backflip △ button
- Flip left/right left analog stick DOWN + △ button
- Sidestep L2 button (hold) + left analog stick LEFT/RIGHT + △ button
- L2 button (hold) + left analog stick LEFT/RIGHT

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Rynn continued

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|-----------------------|---|
| Pull up while hanging | left analog stick UP, or △ button |
| Climb ladder | Directional button or left analog stick UP/DOWN |
| Pan camera view | right analog stick |
| Push object | left analog stick |
| Swim | left analog stick + right analog stick |
| Set target lock | R2 button |
| Toggle current target | L2 button |

Special Combo Attacks

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Overhead chop attack | ↓ button twice + □ button |
| Heavy slash from left to right | ← twice + □ button |
| Heavy slash from right to left | → twice + □ button |
| Spin attack | ↓, then ↑ + □ button |

Arokh the Dragon

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Fly up/Take off from the ground | △ button |
| Fly down/Land | ✗ button |
| Fly or walk forward | left analog stick UP |
| Fly or walk backward | left analog stick DOWN |
| Turn | left analog stick LEFT/RIGHT |
| Fly sideways | L2 button (hold) + left analog stick LEFT/RIGHT |
| Change attack type | L1 button |
| Lock target | R2 button |
| Basic attack | □ button or R1 button |
| Powerful attack | ○ button |
| Basic Bite attack (on ground) | ↑ + □ button |
| Pitch up/down | right analog stick UP/DOWN |
| Dive | left and right analog stick UP |

THE LEGEND OF THE SPIRIT DRAGONS

600 years ago, during the Golden Age in the World of Drakan, humans and dragons were allies and the world flourished. The symbol of this alliance was the Order of the Flame. Within the Order, honored human knights and dragons of the Elder Breed joined their souls in a pact called the Bond. Dragon and rider soared over every realm of Drakan insuring the peace and helping those in need. While under the guardianship of the Order, the world knew prosperity and harmony.

But there are those who watch a peaceful day and see nothing to savor. An evil fire burns in their souls that can never be extinguished. These want only power over others. Traitors, some even within the Order of the Flame, made a grab for power and the Golden Age disintegrated into warfare. When the blood dried on the last battlefield, there were no victors. No bonded pairs of human and dragon remained. The dragons retreated into deep sleep and Drakan began its centuries long decay.



To this day, Drakan suffers from that war so long ago. Lawlessness rules as roving bandits attack the few pockets of civilized society left in Drakan. Predatory monsters roam the land and feral dragons terrorize the skies. All this misery is fomented by a tribe of sorcerers, named the Desert Lords, who thrive on chaos and now threaten to enslave all of Drakan.

The warrior Rynn grew up amid this evil. Through a twist of fate, she revived a sleeping dragon named Arokh. He was a fierce and noble dragon of the Elder Breed, who had not stirred in six centuries. Arokh fought in the Dark Wars, and with his rider, had struck the final blow against Navaros, the leader of those who betrayed peace on Drakan. Arokh and Rynn bonded and, souls entwined, she became a Knight of the Order.

Of the great towns that were once plentiful in Drakan, only the castle fortress of Surdana survives. Within Surdana lies one of the Rune Gates that once served as a portal to cities around the world. Trapped within the Rune Gates are the Spirit Dragons, immortal defenders of the ancient empire. If the Spirit Dragons can be freed, the Desert Lords can be defeated and civilization will be restored. But freeing the Spirit Dragons will be no easy task. The Desert Lords will focus their evil on anyone attempting to save the legendary dragons. And evil monsters, bandits and mercenaries will attempt to take Rynn and Arokhs gold, and even their life. But heroism and the strength of these two warriors are strong. As Rynn and Arokhs unite to save the Spirit Dragons, the battle for the future of humanity roars.

THE MAIN MENU

Press the Directional button to highlight an item and press the **X** button to open the selection.

Load Game

1. Highlight LOAD GAME and press the **X** button.
2. Select the saved game you want to play and press the **X** button.

Note: A MEMORY CARD containing saved Drakan: The Ancients' Gates data must be inserted in MEMORY CARD slot 1 or slot 2 of your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system to load game data.



New Game

Begin the quest to awaken the Spirit Dragons and battle the Desert Lords.

Options

Press the Directional button UP/DOWN to highlight an option. To change the setting press the Directional button LEFT/RIGHT or press the **X** button.

Controller

Review or change Rynn's and Arokhs's controls.

- Press the Directional button UP/DOWN to select a menu item.
- Press the **A** button or START to exit this screen at any time.

Show Controller — Press the Directional buttons LEFT or RIGHT to highlight either Rynn or Arokhs. The controls for that selection will appear on the diagram.

Controller Configuration — Press the **X** button to toggle between the three possible controller configurations: Standard, Alternate, or Dual Analog.

Analog Controller Vibration — Turn the DUALSHOCK™2 or DUALSHOCK™ analog controller vibration function ON/OFF.

Reverse Pitch — Turn ON to reverse the direction that the right analog controller moves to pitch Rynn or Arokhs UP and DOWN.

Audio

Press the Directional buttons LEFT/RIGHT to adjust MUSIC and SOUND volumes.

- Press the **A** button or START to exit this screen at any time.



Master Volume — Adjusts volume of voices, sound F/X and music.

Music Volume — Adjusts music volume only.

Show Subtitles — Press the **X** button to check or uncheck (turn off) subtitles that appear during gameplay.

Stereo Sound — Press the **X** button to turn stereo sound output ON/OFF. Do not check this option if your TV only has one speaker.

Options continued

Adjust Screen

Highlight ADJUST SCREEN and press the **X** button. Press the Directional buttons to adjust the position of the screen and press START to exit the screen.

Save Settings

Save audio, controller, and screen adjustment settings. Highlight SAVE SETTINGS and press the **X** button. Press the **X** button again when YES is highlighted to save all settings.

Default Settings

Highlight DEFAULT SETTINGS and press the **X** button. Press the **X** button again when YES is highlighted to default audio, controller, and screen adjustment settings to their original default settings.

Back

Highlight Back and press the **X** button to return to the Main Menu. You can also press START or the **A** button at any time to return to the previous menu.

PLAYING THE GAME

Rynn and Arokha are the only hope for Drakan. Begin your quest at Surdana, the last bastion of human civilization on Drakan. As a bonded pair of the Order, Rynn and Arokha are sworn to protect what little civilization remains in the world.

Quests

Rynn and Arokha must embark on quests to reach the ultimate goal of awakening the Spirit Dragons. When it is time to embark on a quest, a new Journal Entry will appear in the top-left of the screen for several seconds. Check Rynn's Journal on the Items Menu to see the tasks at hand.



Optional quests may be given while in pursuit of a primary quest. Optional quests are not required to complete the game, but do provide you with valuable rewards. Talk to the inhabitants of Drakan by pressing the L1 button when standing near someone. They may give you useful information on a quest. When you accomplish a task, a checkmark will appear in the box next to the quest description in Rynn's Journal. See "The Items Menu" on page 13 for more on Rynn's Journal.

Attacking with Rynn or Arokha

Attack enemies with either Rynn or Arokha. When Rynn is riding Arokha, he attacks, and all controls direct the dragon. When Rynn dismounts Arokha, all the controls direct her. To dismount and attack with Rynn, land Arokha (press and hold the **X** button). When he folds his wings, press the **X** button again and Rynn will jump to the ground. In ground battle, Arokha may attempt to defend Rynn by pouring flames onto the enemy from the air.

Traveling with Arokha

In large open spaces, Rynn and Arokha travel together. The mighty dragon must have room to fly, land or walk. Where space is tight, Rynn must dismount and leave Arokha in a clear landing area. Arokha will attempt to protect Rynn in dangerous situations as long as he has room to attack from overhead. During some missions, Rynn must travel completely alone to places that are too confined for Arokha.

Injury

Both Rynn and Arokha can be injured in battle and since their souls are bonded, damage to one is dealt to both. Rynn can injure herself by falling too great a distance. Rynn can also drown in deep water. Each time Rynn or Arokha is injured, the Health Glass loses some blood. Restore health by using a Health Elixir or Potion of Life. If all the blood in the Health Glass disappears, Arokha and Rynn die and the game is over.

THE GAME SCREEN



Experience Meter

As Rynn gains combat experience, the meter fills. When it reaches the maximum, Rynn moves up one experience level and wins a skill point. Use the skill point to raise the level of one of Rynn's skills. See "Skills" on page 16.

Mana/Power Glass

Mana is the force that powers Rynn's spells and power is what delivers Arokh's fire. Arokh can replenish his power from within. But Rynn must find and drink mana in order to recover it. As mana or power is used up, it drains the Mana/Power glass.

Tip: To replenish Arokh's power, stop attacking for a few moments.

- Find Half Mana or Full Mana to restore Rynn's mana.
- When Rynn is equipped with the bow or magical weapon, a number appears in the Mana/Power Glass showing how many arrows or charges remain.
- Later in the quest, Rynn can increase her magical skill, which will restore her mana slowly over time. This rate will increase as her magic skill level increases.

Weapon Selection

When Rynn changes weapons, the newly equipped weapon appears here briefly. When Rynn cycles through her hot-slotted weapons using the R1 button, the list of weapons will appear here.



Compass

The Compass surrounds the Mana/Power Glass and always points to true north.

Acquired Item and Quest List

When Rynn and Arokh are given a new quest or map location, a description of the entry will appear in the upper-left of the screen with either a journal or map icon next to it. When Rynn picks up new items or gold, the item description will also appear in this list. Open the Items Menu (press the SELECT button) to see any new items, quests, or map locations. See the "Items Menu" on page 13.

Health Glass

Each time Rynn or Arokh takes damage, the blood force in the glass drops. If it empties, Rynn or Arokh collapses and the game is over. A white flash of the health glass tells you that one of the pair has just been attacked. A blue flash indicates that health is being restored, usually by a magical spell.

Target Lock

Press the R2 button during combat to lock onto a target. A yellow spinning aura will appear around the locked target. Use Target Lock with Arokh to hit a targeted enemy with flame or other dragon magic. Use it with Rynn to target a specific enemy during all forms of combat. Rynn or Arokh will always face the locked target, and all turn controls become sidestep (left/right) controls while targeted.

Weapon/Armor Break Warning Icon

If your equipped weapon or armor's durability is low, a breakage-warning icon will appear on the right side of the screen. Once the weapon breaks, it will become unusable. Broken weapons can be repaired at a store.

Air Meter

The Air Meter appears only when Rynn swims underwater. See "Swimming" on page 19.

THE ITEMS MENU



Press the SELECT button to open the Items Menu. Press the R1 or L1 buttons to cycle through the available screens: Items, Spells, Skills, Map, Journal.

From the Items Menu you can:

- View and equip weapons, items or magical spells.
- Check experience and skill levels.
- Consult Rynn's journal to find out what quests to perform or those that are completed.
- Check your position on the map and find new destinations.

Weapons/Items

Look here to view and equip the weapons or other items Rynn is holding. Press the Directional button to highlight a weapon or item and press the **X** button. Most things, including weapons, potions and mana, must be equipped for use. Some items are used automatically without being equipped.

Name

Name of the currently selected weapon.

Skill or Experience Needed

This is the level of skill needed to use the weapon. If Rynn's skill level is below that required for the weapon, the text appears in black type. Bows will require a minimum Archer skill level. Armor and shields require a minimum Experience level, and all other weapons require a minimum Melee skill level.

Damage

This is the damage level the selected weapon can inflict. Damage is measured from 1–40. AP indicates whether a weapon is armor piercing. AP weapons inflict full damage on armored opponents.

Durability

As Rynn uses a weapon, its durability is reduced. The number on the left is durability remaining. The number on the right is the maximum durability of the weapon. If the weapon wears out, it becomes unusable and must be repaired. Armor cannot be repaired once it has worn out. While using a bow and arrow, this rating tells the number of arrows remaining.

Speed

Lightweight weapons are easy to handle and fast. Heavier weapons are harder to swing and take more time to deliver multiple blows, but usually do more damage.

Price/Sell/Repair

The Price/Sell/Repair listing appears when you are dealing with a shopkeeper and the item is available for sale. To see if you have the gold to purchase the selected item, look at your gold account at the lower right of the menu. Press the **B** button to purchase the selected item. You may also sell items in your inventory using the same procedure if the item indicates a "Sell" price instead of just "Price." Press the **O** button to sell the selected item. Weapons may be repaired from within a store for the price indicated after the "Repair" label. Press the **X** button to repair the selected item.

Weapons/Items continued

Hot Slot

The Hot Slot allows you to quickly equip a weapon or other item without opening the Weapons/Items screen. To place a weapon in a hot slot:

1. Open the Items Menu. On the Weapons/Items screen, highlight the weapon or item you want to "hot slot".
2. Press the **X** button. A small triangle appears above and to the right of the weapon.

When you want to select the weapon during your quest, press the R1 button to quickly cycle through all hot-slotted weapons or items to the one you want. Then press the **□** button to EQUIP the weapon.

To remove a weapon from the Hot Slot, open the Items Menu. On the Weapons/Items screen, highlight the item you want to remove and press the **X** button.

Spells

Spells that you purchase and learn are stored here. You may cast spells from within this screen or have Rynn cast the spell with the screen closed from within the game. From the Spells screen, select the spell and press the **□** button to summon a spell. See "Spell Casting" on page 21 for specific spell casting instructions.

Spells Statistics

Press the Directional buttons to select a spell. The casting pattern for that spell will appear in the area below and to the right. Detailed information about the spell will be displayed in the left-hand box:

Spell Level—The power level of the spell you currently have selected.

Skill Needed—The magic skill required to cast the spell.

Damage—The amount of damage the spell inflicts.

Duration—The number of seconds the spell will remain active.
(Used only for Fear, Clone and Speed.)

Health Regained—The percentage of total health regained after casting.
(Used only for Rejuvenate.)

Mana Cost—Percentage of Rynn's total mana required to cast spell.

Skills

As Rynn gains combat experience, skill levels can increase allowing her to use stronger weapons and magic. Each skill begins at 1 and can reach a maximum of 8.



Experience Level

As Rynn wins battles, her experience meter begins to fill. When it reaches its peak, Rynn's experience level increases by one point and her health is restored to maximum. She also wins a skill point that can be used to increase any one of her three skills.

Assigning Skill Points

To assign unused skill points to one of the skills: Press the Directional button UP/DOWN to highlight the skill you want to increase, and press the Directional button LEFT/RIGHT to increase or decrease the skill.

When you attempt to exit the Skills screen, a prompt will appear asking if you want to make these skills permanent. You can select NO to return to the Skills screen and reassign the skill points. Once the skill points have been assigned, you cannot take them away.

Note: Rynn will maintain a minimum of 1 point for each skill.

Melee Skill

Melee skill is the ability to use hand weapons such as the sword, axe or club.

Archer Skill

Rynn can use stronger and more lethal bows and arrows.

Magic Skill

Increased magical skill makes it possible to cast powerful spells and Rynn's mana will increase at a faster rate with each skill point.

Skill Points Unspent

This shows the number of skill points that are unused and available.

Map

The map shows an overview of the current region where Rynn is traveling. The red triangle is her current position, and it faces in the direction that the camera is facing.

This corresponds to the same direction as Rynn's Compass that is around the

Mana/Power Glass in the lower right of the screen. Locations of interest appear as colored dots. Press the Directional button LEFT/RIGHT to highlight a location and see its name. The map can be used to easily determine which direction Rynn and Arok should travel to get to a particular location on the map.



Rynn's Journal

You must complete quests as Rynn and Arok travel through Drakan. When a new quest is given, the quest description will appear at the top of the screen. Open the journal to discover what your next move should be. When a task is completed, a checkmark appears next to it in the journal. Learn about quests by talking to people. Walk up to someone and press the L1 button. They will give you information or plead with you to help them. A Knight and Dragon of the Order are sworn to aid and protect. You must help those in need.



- Press the Directional button LEFT/RIGHT to change region views.
Each region in Drakan has its own unique quests.
- Press the Directional button UP/DOWN to scroll through the list of Primary and Optional quests.

Primary quests must be completed in order to complete the game. Optional quests provide Rynn and Arok with great rewards that will make it easier to progress though the game, but completing them is not required to win the game.



RYNN'S MOVES

Jumps and Flips

Rynn can leap and flip to avoid attacks or jump over obstructions. Press the **A** button and Rynn will jump in place. Press the **A** button while she is running and she leaps.



To perform a backflip, press and hold the left analog stick DOWN followed by the **A** button.

To perform a sideflip to the left or right, press and hold the L2 button while pressing LEFT/RIGHT on the left analog stick followed by the **A** button. If Rynn is target-locked onto an enemy, pressing the L2 button is not required.

Leaping and Hanging

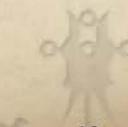
To leap over chasms, press the Directional button UP to get a running start and press the **A** button to leap.



While Rynn is leaping, press the **X** button + left analog stick when she is flying toward a ledge. Rynn will extend her arms and attempt to hang from the ledge. Press the left analog stick UP, or the **A** button, and she will pull herself up to a standing position.

Rolling

Press the **X** button + Directional button or left analog stick UP/DOWN to roll Rynn forward or backward. If Rynn is trapped in a tight position or needs to move under a low hanging obstruction, try rolling her through. She may also roll left and right by holding down the L2 button + **X** button and moving the left analog stick LEFT/RIGHT. If Rynn is target-locked onto an enemy, pressing the L2 button is not required.



Swimming

Rynn can swim underwater. When submerged, make sure not to run out of air by watching the Air Meter. When it runs low, Rynn must surface for air or she will drown.

- Submerge by pressing the **X** button.
- Move forward or backward by pressing the left analog stick UP or DOWN.
- To swim to the surface, press the **A** button.
- Use the right analog stick to pitch Rynn up or down.



FIGHTING WITH RYNN'S HAND WEAPONS

Rynn's skill level must match or exceed the skill rating of a weapon for her to use it. As she progresses through each quest, she must acquire more powerful weapons and armor. Weaponry can be purchased or discovered throughout Drakan.

Note: Rynn will be unable to damage those who are of no threat to her, such as villagers in a town.

Swords, Axes and Clubs Slashing

Press the **B** button once and Rynn slashes her weapon in a side-to-side attack. Press the **B** button twice and Rynn will perform a double-slash. A third press and she finishes with a downward slash.



Thrust

Thrust a weapon in a specific direction by pressing the Directional button to aim the thrust and pressing the **B** button. Rynn can thrust in any direction including straight back.



Parry/Block

Press the **O** button when Rynn is holding a sword, axe or club to parry attacks. Successfully timed blocks will absorb 100% of the damage of enemy melee attacks.

Special Combo Attacks

Press the Directional buttons to tap out combo moves that can be used to perform advanced attacks. They can also be used to inflict increased damage or hit more than one enemy at a time. Press the button combinations in order as follows:

Overhead Chop Attack — Press the Directional button DOWN twice and press the **C** button. This attack can be used to attack enemies or objects on the ground.

Heavy slash from left to right — Press the Directional button LEFT twice and press **C** button. This attack will knock down some smaller enemies.

Heavy slash from right to left — Press the Directional button RIGHT twice and press the **C** button. This attack will knock down some smaller enemies.

Spin attack — Press the Directional button DOWN, then UP and press the **C** button. Rynn will lunge forward and spin, hitting multiple nearby enemies.

The Bow

When Rynn is holding the bow, line up on the target and press the **B** button to release the arrow and load the next one. The number of arrows remaining appears in the Mana/Power Glass.



For long range targets requiring pinpoint accuracy:

1. Press the **O** button to open the sight.
2. Press the left analog stick to aim the bow and line up the reticle on the target.
3. Press the **B** button or R1 button to release the arrow.

Note: In this mode, the right analog stick will sidestep.

Armor

Armor increases Rynn's resistance to attack. She begins the quest without armor. Be sure to save some gold to purchase armor. There are several different types of armor, each with varying levels of protection, called its "Armor Rating." Equip armor on the Weapons/Items screen by selecting it and pressing the **B** button.



Shields

Shields can be equipped along with one-handed melee weapons to use during combat. The advantage of a shield over a parry block is that the shield can be held up in defense as long as necessary. However, shields do not absorb as much damage. Equip a shield in the Weapons/Items screen by selecting it and pressing the **B** button.



Enchanted Weapons

Some weapons are charged with magical abilities that can be used to exact additional damage on Rynn's enemies. When an enchanted weapon is equipped, the number of charges will appear in the Mana/Power Glass. To execute this magical ability, press the **O** button. Once the number of charges is depleted, the magical ability is lost forever.

Note: If Rynn is equipped with a shield, the **O** button will always block with the shield instead of activating an enchanted weapon's magic. Deactivate all shields to allow Rynn to use a weapon's magical ability.

SPELL CASTING

A Dragon Knight practices the deadly art of spell casting. Rynn can set her enemies afire, freeze them mid-stride or frighten them into retreat without drawing her sword. As with weapons, Rynn must attain specific skill levels before she can use or purchase certain magical spells.

To cast a spell, Rynn must have it stored in her Spell screen in the Items Menu.

Cast the spell

Without Opening the Spell Screen

1. Put away any hand weapon. Press the **R1** button if nothing is hot-slotted, or select the current weapon with the **L1** or **R1** button, then press the **B** button.
2. Press and hold the **O** button to begin casting the spell. Press the Directional buttons in the proper sequence to summon the spell you want to cast. Rynn's hand will follow the Directional button presses and the spell will appear in her hand. Release the **O** button and try again if you made a mistake.
3. Offensive spells will then require you to press the **B** button to use the spell. You may also "target lock" an enemy prior to using the spell (**R2** button).



Summon the Spell from the Spell Screen

You may also summon spells from the Spell screen in the Items Menu.

1. Press the **SELECT** button to open the Items Menu and select the spell screen (**R1** button).
2. Select the spell you want (Directional button) and press the **B** button to summon it. Rynn will instantly perform the motions needed to cast the spell. Close Items Menu (**Select** button).
3. Offensive spells will then require you to press the **B** button to use the spell. You may also "target lock" an enemy prior to using the spell (**R2** button).



Instantly Activated Spells

Some spells, including Clone, Time Slow, Fear and Rejuvenate, are cast and used instantly when you summon them.



Spells and Mana

Mana is the force that powers a spell. Each time Rynn casts a spell, her Mana is reduced. When mana is depleted, Rynn can no longer cast a spell. Watch the Mana/Power Glass to monitor remaining mana. Find Full Mana and Half Mana potions to rejuvenate the Mana/Power Glass. Mana can be purchased from merchants or discovered in wooden crates, treasure chests and barrels. Mana will also recharge slowly. The higher Rynn's magic skill, the faster her mana will recharge.

The Spells

To cast the spells below, they must be held on the Spell screen in the Items Menu. Each spell has up to three power levels, each with increasing amounts of damage or duration. Press and hold the **C** button. Then press the Directional buttons to summon the spell you want Rynn to use. For offensive spells, when Rynn is armed with the spell, press the **D** button to use the spell. Defensive spells will be used immediately upon summoning.

Note: The Directional button sequence follows the name of each spell.

Fear [→, ↑, ↓, ←] (Defensive) — This spell causes enemies to run away or cower in terror as Rynn approaches them. Higher power levels make the spell last longer.

Clone [↓, →, ↑, ←, ↓] (Defensive) — Rynn's clone will distract the enemy allowing her to slip by unnoticed and stealthily kill enemies. Higher power levels make the spell last longer.

Time Slow [↓, →, ←] (All advantage) — Slows down the speed of an enemy's movement and attacks. This spell lasts between 20 and 60 seconds depending on power level.

Rejuvenate [←, →, ←, →] (Defensive) — Raises Rynn's Health level fully. Higher power levels restore more of Rynn's health with each cast of this spell.

Impale [↑, →, ←, ↓] (Offensive) — A spear appears in Rynn's hand. When she plunges it downward, an enemy becomes impaled by a magical blade even though he stands at a distance from Rynn and the spear. Higher power levels inflict more damage.



Combust [↓, ←, →, ↓] (Offensive) — The power of Rynn's mind causes enemies to spontaneously catch fire. Higher power levels inflict more damage and burn longer.

Lightning [↑, ←, →, ↓] (Offensive) — Hurl a bolt of lightning, which can conduct through multiple enemies. Higher power levels inflict more damage and can conduct through a greater number of enemies at once.

Ice Blast [↑, ←, →, ↑] (Offensive) — Rynn delivers a searing frost that freezes an enemy. Higher power levels inflict more damage and will be more likely to freeze enemies.

Fireball [↑, ←, ↓, →, ↑] (Offensive) — Rynn hurls a fireball as devastating as Arokhs. Higher power levels inflict more damage and have a greater blast radius.

Soul Steal [←, ↑, ↓, →] (All advantage) — The victim's soul is ripped from his body and he perishes without a scratch. The soul will return to Rynn increasing her health. Higher power levels inflict more damage and give more health back to Rynn.

AROKH IN FLIGHT

Press the **A** button and Arokhs will jump into the air or increase in altitude.

- Press the Directional button or left analog stick UP to fly Arokhs forward.
- Press the Directional button or left analog stick DOWN to fly Arokhs backward.
- Press the **X** button to decrease in altitude.
- If a target is locked onto (R2 button), Arokhs will turn sharply to face the direction of the target. Release the target lock (R2 button) if you want to fly to another area.



Hovering and Circling

Hover by not pressing the Directional button or left analog stick while Arok is airborne. While a target is target locked (R2 button), pressing the Directional button or left analog stick LEFT or RIGHT will cause Arok to circle the target.



Target Locking

Press the R2 button to lock onto an enemy. When the enemy falls, the lock will drop away or jump to the next closest target. Target locking is less effective with airborne adversaries who can change position rapidly. Pressing the L2 button when locking onto a group of enemies will cycle the target lock to the next nearest enemy.



- The target lock is yellow when tracking a strong or undamaged enemy. When you have damaged an adversary, the lock turns white for a moment. When it turns red, the enemy is close to destruction.

Note: A blue target lock indicates that the target is not vulnerable to attack at the moment. Damage may be inflicted on it at a later time or by some means other than standard weapons.

- Once Rynn or Arok have targeted an enemy, they will always face the target. In addition, the normal “Turn” function of the left analog stick (LEFT/RIGHT) becomes a side-to-side, circling movement around the target. Press the R2 button again to untarget and move normally.

Defending Rynn

When Rynn is on the ground, Arok will sometimes take a defensive position above her. If anything attempts to attack her, Arok will want to lay down defensive fire on nearby enemies. Move Rynn out of the way to allow Arok to do his work. Fortunately Rynn is immune to damage from Arok's attacks.



Calling and Mounting Arok

When Rynn is on the ground and wishes to mount Arok, she must first call him to land. Press and hold the L1 button for at least two seconds until Rynn calls out for Arok. She may not be able to call him from within caves or houses. Once Arok lands, walk near his head and Rynn will automatically mount him. Press the X button to dismount again if Arok is on the ground. Press the A button to take to the air once Rynn has mounted Arok. Arok may not be able to take off if there is a low ceiling above him.

Landing and Walking

Press and hold the X button to land Arok. He must have a landing area large enough to accommodate his wingspan. Once Arok has landed, press the Directional buttons or left analog stick to walk Arok over the ground.

Arok in Battle

Arok's primary attack is his fiery breath. By finding and flying into Dragon Icons throughout Drakan, you can add to his attacks.

Each attack can be delivered in two different ways:

- Press the □ button and Arok fires a standard attack. Use Target Locking (R2 button) to increase the accuracy of long range attacks.
- Press the ○ button to fire a secondary attack. Secondary attacks require more mana but inflict more damage and affect a larger radius.

Arok's Power

When Arok attacks, he depletes his power. Similar to Rynn's mana, Arok recharges his power, but it takes less time. When the Mana/Power Glass empties, stop attacking to allow power to return to the glass.



Arokhs Breath Attacks

Any one of Arokhs attacks has a primary (□ button) and secondary (○ button) capability. Arokhs begins armed only with Fire. He can win additional attacks in the form of bright flares that hover in the position where an enemy fell. Just fly into them and they become part of Arokhs arsenal. Some of the flares may give Arokhs health instead of a new attack. Press the L1 button to change Arokhs attack.

Fire — The primary attack is a fireball. As a secondary attack, Arokhs breathes the legendary blast of flame.

Lightning — Arokhs lets off a powerful bolt of lightning that can conduct through multiple objects and enemies at one time. His secondary lightning attack is a ball of lightning that flies through the air and zaps electricity at anything nearby.

Ice — Deliver a shattering freeze with the primary attack that causes enemies to crystallize and explode when their health is low. With the secondary attack, shoot out a winter storm to freeze nearby enemies.

Sonic — Launch pulverizing sound waves that can tear an enemy to pieces. The primary attack releases sonic bursts. The secondary attack results in a bomb-like explosion.

Darkness — Release hungry souls that seek out enemies, rip their life force from them and return it to Arokhs, increasing your health. The secondary attack opens up a vortex to hell that sucks in all surrounding life.

Arokhs Bite Attack

When Arokhs is on the ground, he can bite nearby enemies to inflict heavy damage. To perform a bite attack, press the Directional button UP and press the □ button. This will rip apart a foe with Arokhs sharp teeth and claws.

Navigation

It is easy to become lost soaring through Drakan's vast mountain ranges or skulking through its swamps and deserts. The compass encircling the Mana Glass always points to the North (the top of the map). Listen to those you speak with for directions to important locales.

Tip: Consult the map screen in the Items Menu to help navigate.

OBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE

Search for objects during your travels. Pick them up by walking over them.

- Some objects, such as weapons or items, will sparkle to attract your attention. Others may appear when Rynn defeats an enemy.
- Strongboxes and treasure chests will open when Rynn approaches them and may spill their contents. Some strongboxes are empty.
- Many important things are contained in barrels and wooden crates that must be broken open to reveal what's inside. Beware...some containers may be explosive!
- Some barrels and crates with metal reinforcing cannot be broken.
- Items you pick up appear on the Weapons/Items Menu and must be equipped for use.
- Items that serve a single purpose may be used automatically when the time and place is right.

Health Elixir and Potion of Life

These replenish the Health Glass to repair battle injuries to Rynn and Arokhs. A Health Elixir returns partial health. A Potion of Life returns full health.



Gold Sacks

Use gold to buy items in shops throughout Drakan. Find gold sacks in treasure chests and barrels or take them from fallen enemies.



Potion of Invisibility

Slip by enemies totally unnoticed. You can still see Rynn, but no one else can.



Potion of Invulnerability

Will temporarily render Rynn immune to all forms of physical damage except for falling from great heights.



Treasure Chests

Treasure Chests may open when approached. They contain useful items including weapons, gold, health and mana.



Barrels and Wooden Crates

Hack open barrels with a sword, axe or club to reveal their contents. They may contain gold sacks, items, weapons or elixirs.



Crystals, Emeralds, Diamonds, Jewelry and Goblets

These have monetary worth and add to your gold value.



Half Mana and Full Mana

Mana is essential to Rynn's spell casting abilities. Half Mana rejuvenates the Mana/Power Glass by half. Full Mana completely fills it.



BUYING AND SELLING



Once you accumulate some gold, search out a merchant who sells weapons, potions or spells. When Rynn approaches a merchant, press L1 to talk and the Store Menu appears. Press the R1 or L1 buttons to switch from your personal inventory (Weapons and Magic you already have) to the Store screen that displays the merchant's offerings. Merchants usually specialize in only one type of product: armor and weapons, potions, or spells.

Buying Items

Consider the amount of gold you have and Rynn's skill level to guide your purchases. Press the Directional button LEFT/RIGHT to scroll through the merchant's available wares from the Store screen. If Rynn has not yet reached the skill level needed to wield the selected weapon, its description text appears in black type.

Press the **B** button to purchase the item. The "Price" amount is subtracted from the gold account at the bottom right of the screen.

Selling or Dropping Items

If you want to sell an item, select the Weapons/Items screen and select the article you want to sell. Press the **O** button to sell the item. The "Sell" amount will be added to the gold account at the bottom right of the screen.

Tip: Remember that weapons wear out. Keeping a backup weapon may prove wise.

You may also elect to drop an item by pressing the **A** button. Dropping an item creates room for more important items. There is a limit on the number of items Rynn can carry and this depends on the size of each item.

Repairing Weapons and Armor

Weapons dealers can repair a damaged weapon, bow or armor. Select worn items from your inventory while visiting the merchant. The price of repair is stated in the item information area. Press the **X** button to repair the item. Each time an item is repaired, its maximum durability will be decreased slightly.

THE BEINGS OF DRAKAN

Lady Myschala

She rules Surdana, the last fortress of Drakan. Lady Myschala has summoned Rynn and Arok to awaken the Dragon Mother and return the dragons of the Order to this world.



Sorceress Jade

Jade lives in the tower across the lake in Surdana and wants Rynn and Arok to battle the Desert Lords who enslaved her people in the Desert of Tears. Seek her out for magical spells.



Desert Lords

These sorcerers from the demon world of Sessool are the force of evil behind Drakan's decay. They want all humans to submit to their dominance.



General Dehrimon

He is the commander of the army in charge of defending Surdana. He is sworn to protect Lady Myschala and the people in and around Surdana.



The Grull

Grull are predatory and brutal beings who inhabit the countryside. They are expert at banditry, usually killing those they have robbed. Grull may attack in groups and can swing an axe with punishing speed.



Spiders and Scavengers

These creatures attack low to the ground and lunge at Rynn.



Tip: Try targeting them or use overhead attacks.

Blackwings

These feral dragons lurk in the skies over Drakan. Arok is much stronger than a Blackwing but they often attack in pairs, presenting a deadly threat to Rynn and Arok.



Trogs

Trogs inhabit the swamps and enjoy the taste of humans. They sometimes lurk in shallow water with only their eyes visible. They are so voracious, they sometimes slash each other in a ravenous frenzy to tear into humans. Trogs have deadly razor claws and can lash out quickly.



The Dead

These skeletal spirits were aroused from eternal sleep to attack living humans. They attack with axes and are immune to certain forms of magic.



THE REGIONS OF DRAKAN

Surdana

Surdana is the last stronghold of the human race. Tucked into the mountains, the castle has stood firm and pristine against the chaos for centuries. Surdana is ruled by Lady Myschala, who knows of Arokhs great power to save his trapped brethren. The Sorceress Jade also resides here and possesses magical powers essential to defeating the Desert Lords.

Shadowmire

The Tree of Mourning stands hidden in this swamp. Those adventurous enough to explore here often stay for dinner. Carnivorous Frogs lurk in caves and shallows waiting to carve up their next human feast.

Kragmor

Towering granite peaks encircle Kragmor's valley floor that is infested with monsters and bandits waiting to prey on the unwary.

Catacombs

A haunting power grips a monastery as the entombed spirits of dead monks rise up to terrorize and murder their living brothers. Rynn must leave Arokhs to descend alone into the catacombs to still the deceased, but axe-wielding holy men.

City of the Damned

Everything seems dead here. Dry leafless trees stand in lonely silence under menacing clouds and ancient structures crumble under the weight of centuries. Peer over one of the cliffs and you will see that these ruins are hanging in the clouds.

Andrellian Isles

Driving rain blasts these chunks of cursed land surrounded by angry seas. Any sailing vessel that travels close becomes marooned on the Isles. Somewhere here a military outpost attempts vainly to break a Grull stronghold.

Ravenshold

The icy serenity of this wilderness is shattered by feral dragon raids from above and murderous bands of Wartoks below. The Northmen guard the fort at Ravenshold.

Valley of the Fallen

This beautiful and fertile river valley is still ruled by memories of that ancient and terrible war. As the dead marshal their troops, Rynn and Arokhs draw closer to the Desert Lords. The Valley leads into the desert and eventually to the secret lands that are the source of all evil in Drakan.

SAVING AND LOADING GAME DATA

Drakan: The Ancients' Gates allows you to save or load your progress at any time during the game.

Saving Game Data

To save game data:

1. Press START to pause the game and open the Pause menu.
2. Highlight SAVE GAME and press the **X** button. Highlight the block you want for saved data. If you are saving a game to a block already containing data, you will be prompted to overwrite that data. Select YES to save.

Loading Game Data

1. Select Load Game on the Main Menu or the Pause screen.
2. Press the Directional button to select the saved game you want to play and press the **X** button. If a game is already in progress, you will be prompted to leave the current game. Select YES to load the game.

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